

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the House Appropriations Committee has approved a bill to expand Franklin County bus service.

Rep. Olver is a member of the Appropriations subcommittee on Transportation and included the expansion of bus service in his bill.

Through his position on the Appropriations Committee, Olver was able to secure over \$10 million for the expansion of bus service.

"Public transportation is vital to residents in rural communities because it provides access to education, health care, and employment," Olver said.

Before implementation of the expansion, FRTA will interview area employers to determine shift schedules and peak travel times.

Currently, the "Valley Route" which began on April 3, 2000, and runs from Greenfield to Northampton.

"Through an expansion of bus services, the FRTA will be able to provide better access, time and cost savings for residents."

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